"If the Lord will"

"…If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that" (James 4:14-15)

GREAT God! before Thy throne
We joyfully appear,
In songs to make Thy glories known,
And thus begin the year.

[What favours all divine;
What mercies shall we share;
What blessings all around us shine
To open this new year!]

Indulgent goodness spares
And still preserves us here,
And bounty all divine prepares
Supplies for this new year.

Our follies past forgive;
Our souls divinely cheer;
And help us more to Thee to live,
Dear Lord, in this new year.

Prepare us for Thy will,
Whatever may appear;
And let Thy loving-kindness still
Preserve us through the year.

Confirm our souls in Thee,
In faith and holy fear;
And let a precious Lord Jesus be
Our song through all the year.

— Samuel Medley (New Year)

The Supper of the Lord

"…let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28)

THE SUPPER of the Lord is designed for the family of the Lord. It is, indeed, a family meal. Christ invites none but His family to partake of it. And everyone of these are expected by constant invitation, and by birthright in the new birth, to take their seats at the table. Jesus will have none missing at supper time. All others are without invitation, and have no right there. [His people] are easily known. They have been regenerated, brought thereby into spiritual life, they cry Abba, Father. The Spirit witnesseth to their spirits, that they are children of God [Romans 8:15-16]. They have a spiritual hungering and thirsting after Christ. They know Jesus to be the living bread which came down from heaven, and of Him they desire to eat, and to live forever. In short, every act of faith, and the exercise of grace in the new life, manifests what constitutes a worthy receiver. — Robert Hawker

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

January 2nd, 2022

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions."
(Psalm 51:1)

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NOW, gracious Lord, Thy arm reveal, and make Thy glory known;
Hear whilst we plead the Saviour's name, and venture near the throne.

From all the guilt of former sin, let mercy set us free;
And let the year we now begin, begin and end with Thee.

Send down thy Spirit from above, that Saints may love Thee more,
And sinners now may learn to love, who never loved before.

And when before Thee we appear, in our eternal home,
May growing numbers worship here, And praise Thee in our room.

— John Newton

WELCOME

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it you are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sovereign Grace Conference
February 25th, 26th, & 27th

Happy Belated Birthday!
Clarissa Richards, January 3rd

RESOURCES

BE sure to visit our websites for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

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GRACE ARTICLES

"Complete in Him"

"…ye are complete in Him, which is the Head of all principality and power:"

(Colossians 2:10)

COME join, ye Saints, with heart and voice, alone in Jesus to rejoice,
And worship at His feet;

Come, take His praises on your tongues, and raise to Him your thankful songs,
"In Him ye are complete!"

In Him, who all our praise excels, the fullness of the Godhead dwells,
And all perfections meet:

The Head of all celestial powers, divinely theirs, divinely ours;—
"In Him ye are complete!"

Still onward urge your heavenly way, dependent on Him day by day,
His presence still entreat;

His precious name for ever bless, your glory, strength, and righteousness,—
"In Him ye are complete!"

— Samuel Medley

All Of Grace, None Of Works

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that <u>not of yourselves</u>: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

(Ephesians 2:8-9)

THE longer I live, the more I feel that if there were one thing left undone, if the devil were not conquered, sin not expiated, justice not satisfied, the law not honored and magnified, death not overcome, and every burden not carried, I should not have a ray of hope. I used to think I saw this as clear as the noon day thirty or forty years ago; but I saw it very differently then to what I see now; for I see and feel now that if one hair-breadth is left for me to do to merit heaven, or bring as a plea before God, I am undone for ever and ever. But on the Mount of Calvary, the Lord Jesus Christ undertook the cause of His people; and there is not a jot nor a tittle that He left undone, but *"by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified"* (Hebrews 10:14), and *"there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit"* (Romans 8:1). Here is complete perfection. *"Saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation"* (Isaiah 45:17). — John Warburton